

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the name
3-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-5,5-dimethyl-4-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-5H-furan-2-one, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof.
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2. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a
compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically
acceptable carrier.
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3. A method of treating inflammation in a mammalian
patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to said patient
a compound according to Claim 1 in an amount effective for treating
inflammation.
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4. A method of treating a mammalian patient for a
cyclooxygenase mediated disease comprising administering to a patient
in need of such treatment a compound according to Claim 1 in an amount
which is effective for treating said cyclooxygenase mediated disease.
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5. A method in accordance with Claim 4 wherein the
cyclooxygenase mediated disease is osteoarthritis, or rheumatoid arthritis.
6. A method of treating pain in a mammalian patient in need
25 of such treatment comprising administering to the patient a compound
according to Claim 1 in an analgesic effective amount.